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INDEPENDENTLY CONDITIONING AND  
PRE-TENSIONING A PLURALITY OF LIGAMENT  
GRAFTS DURING JOINT REPAIR SURGERY

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In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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